

(放送内容)

Narrator: Part 1.

これから放送される英文を、メモを取りながら聴いてください。続いて、7つ質問があります。答えをそれぞれ選択肢の中から選び、解答欄にマークしてください。英文も質問文も1回しか読みませんから、よく注意して聴いてください。Part 1は、L-1からL-7までです。では、始めます。

Woman:

Welcome to *The Hokkaido Honeypot*. As you look around our little shop, you see many different types of honey. In a few minutes, you will taste the different flavors of honey, but before we do that, I'd like to tell you a little bit about the honeybees that worked so hard to make it.

Honey is produced by bees from the nectar—or juice—of flowers. Long ago, honey was almost the only form of sugar that humans could easily get. So, humans began managing honeybees long ago—about nine thousand years ago. The management of honeybees is known as beekeeping. Here at *The Hokkaido Honeypot*, we are not simply selling honey. We are beekeeping, just as humans have done for nine thousand years. From early spring to the end of autumn, we travel all over Japan with our honeybees, according to the time when the flowers bloom. Our various flavors of honey come from the different kinds of flowers that the bees have taken nectar from.

Honeybees live in large groups in nests called beehives. The members of the beehive are divided into three types. First, there is the queen bee. One queen runs the whole beehive. Her main job is to lay the eggs that will become the beehive's next generation of bees. The queen also produces chemicals that guide the behavior of the other bees. The queen can live up to five years. She is busiest in the summer months, when she can lay up to 2,500 eggs a day!

Next, there are the drones. These are the male bees, and their purpose is to mate with the new young queens. Unlike the queen bee and the worker bees, the drones do not have stingers. Several hundred drones live in each beehive during the spring and early summer. But when winter comes, the drones are kicked out of the beehive! Their job, mating with the next generation of queen bees, is over.

Finally, there are worker bees, which are all female. Their main role is to search for food, in other words, to bring back the pollen and nectar from flowers. The worker bees also build and protect the beehive. They also clean and circulate the air inside the beehive by beating their wings. When someone is very busy, in English we say they are “as busy as a bee”. Obviously, it is these female worker bees that are so busy!

The average worker bee lives for just five to six weeks. During this time, she'll produce around 0.4 milliliters of honey. In other words, it takes 12 bees to produce just one teaspoon of honey. But why do they produce honey in the first place? In fact, they produce honey as food stores for the beehive during winter. Luckily for us, these hard-working female bees produce two to three times more honey than they need. So, even if we humans take half of the honey, there is still enough left for the bee colony to survive until spring.

Honeybees are so important, not just for honey, but because they help other plants grow! Bees transfer pollen between the male and female parts of the plant. Pollen is a fine yellow dust. This allows plants to grow seeds and fruit. Honeybees play an important role in agriculture because they pollinate a wide variety of domesticated plants. They pollinate over 100 kinds of crops. Many kinds of fruits and berries, vegetables, and nuts depend on bees. So in this way, honeybees support human life.

Now that you understand how important bees are for us humans, let's taste some honey. Today, you will taste honey made from three very different flowers: clover honey, cherry blossom honey, and buckwheat flower honey. Each one has its own unique and subtle flavor. I hope you will like them!

Narrator: L-1. How many years ago did humans start managing honeybees?

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Narrator: L-2. What is the main job of the queen bee?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-3. What is the main job of the drones?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-4. What is true about the worker bees?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-5. How much honey does each bee produce during her life?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-6. As a colony, how much honey do the bees produce?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-7. How do honeybees help human agriculture?

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Narrator: Part Two.

これから長い会話文が流れます。会話の途中に英語で質問があります。会話文も質問文も1回しか読みませんから、よく注意して聴いてください。Part Two は、L-8 から L-14 までです。

著作権の都合上、省略。

A conversation between 2 friends discussing plans for a winter break; Easy Pace Learning

Narrator: L-8. Where is this conversation taking place?

<< Pause: 10 seconds >>

Narrator: L-9. Who is having a birthday?

<< Pause: 10 seconds >>

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Narrator: L-10. Why did the man quit working at the coffee shop?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-11. What does the man like about his new job?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-12. What does the woman plan to do for the winter break?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

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Narrator: L-13. Where will the woman and her friends stay?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-14. If the man joins, how many members will go on the trip?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: Part Three.

これから短い会話文が流れます。それぞれの会話文について英語で質問があります。会話文も質問文も1回しか流れません。よく注意して聴いてください。Part Three は、L-15 から L-23 までです。では、始めます。

Narrator: L-15

Woman: Let's plan to do something outdoors tomorrow.

Man: Good idea. Let's go to the park. Did you hear the weather forecast?

Woman: I think it's going to be the same as today. Clear and sunny. Perfect for a picnic.

Narrator: What will the man and woman do tomorrow?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-16

Man: Rachel, did you win the lottery or something? Why the big smile?

Woman: I just found out that I passed the physics final exam.

Man: You did? That's great!

Woman: I'm so relieved. I thought I had failed.

Narrator: Why is the woman happy?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-17

Man: So where are you from?

Woman: I'm from Japan. My parents wanted me to study at an American university, so I came here.

Man: I've never been to Japan. I've been to Korea before, but never Japan.

Woman: I hope you'll have a chance to take a vacation there someday.

Narrator: What does the woman recommend the man to do?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-18

Woman: What classes do you plan on taking?

Man: I really want to take the math class, but I don't know if it will be available. I tried to get in last semester, but it was full.

Woman: Yes. I heard that it's a very popular course. I hope you can take it this semester.

Narrator: What happened last semester?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-19

Woman: You've been sneezing a lot lately. Are you sick or something?

Man: No, not really. Every spring time around April, I have allergies. I can't enjoy the outdoors and my eyes are always itchy.

Woman: I guess I'm lucky. I've never had seasonal allergies. I can enjoy all the flowers.

Narrator: What's the man's problem?

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Narrator: L-20

Woman: I just joined a weekend softball league. It's just a fun league, nothing serious. You should join, too.

Man: I'd like to. I haven't played softball since high school. And I'm usually free on Saturdays and Sundays.

Woman: Great! I'll send you information later. See you this weekend. Don't forget your glove.

Narrator: When will the man play softball?

<< *Pause: 10 seconds* >>

Narrator: L-21

Man: How is your job hunting going?

Woman: Well, good news, Paul. I just got a job as a web designer.

Man: Congratulations. That's great! Working in IT is exciting.

Woman: I'm so happy. I don't have to worry about job hunting and interviewing anymore.

Narrator: Why is the woman happy?

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Narrator: L-22

Man: Welcome. Can I help you with anything?

Woman: Hi. I'm shopping for my boyfriend's birthday present. Do you have any suggestions?

Man: Let's see. How about a nice shirt and tie? You can't go wrong there.

Narrator: Where does this conversation take place?

<< Pause: 10 seconds >>

Narrator: L-23

Woman: Hey, Robert. Nice to run into you. Where are you going?

Man: Nowhere special. I was just going to take a walk.

Woman: I should get a little exercise, too. I'm so out of shape. Can I join you on your walk?

Narrator: What will the woman probably do?

<< Pause: 10 seconds >>

Narrator:

これでリスニング試験を終了します。